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Grand Knights Report

It seems like Christmas season has just finished and here we are starting the Lenten season. The season brings to mind sacrifice and charity.

Our special Shrove Pancake crew consisting of Br. Urban Stang, Paul Stang Br. Maurice Douville, Br. Norm Dust, Br. Robert Pampu, Br. Danny Boisvert, Br. Herb Scott, and Br. Tony Csilics prepared 600 pancakes and 400 sausages for Ecole Father Jan Community School on Pancake Tuesday working from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Thanks to everyone who was involved.

The council will be working with the CWL to hold the Spring Wing Ding on April 16, 2016. There will be a dinner and dance and lots of fun for attendees. There is an opportunity to be involved in this event. If you are interested please call Br. Brian Wolbert at 780-460-8294.

A Blue Mass will be held in May to honour our First Responders; we should ensure that our friends and associates are aware of this special mass. This is a wonderful way to honour the people who work to make our life safe.

We are looking for people to serve on committees and projects. There is an immediate need for an Advocate on the executive and for someone to coordinate the pancake breakfast during the winter months. The way to learn what is involved is to work with Br. Urban Stang. The procedure is well established and documented.

Br. Tony has to send in the dues to Supreme on April 1, 2016. Those who have not paid their dues and sent in the required information should do so as soon as possible. All members are reminded to carry their new membership card to the meetings.

Hope to see you at the general meeting on Wednesday February 17, 2016.

Vivat Jesus,

Grand Knight Council 4742

Br. Dan Chauvet

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February 2016 Meeting Principles of the Order

Opening Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray:
“Our Father...”

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

Our Principles: Charity-Unity-Fraternity- Patriotism

“So Faith Hope and Love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love, (1Cor. 13, 13).”

Most of us have heard the expression that charity begins at home. We may have even used this expression or maxim as a way for us to opt out of contributing our resources to a particular cause. You know, it is true; we are simply not able to support every good cause that comes around the corner, because there are indeed many. There we go again, connecting the word charity with money, but instead, let's go back home where we have said charity begins. Brothers, think of a time when your child woke up sick or scared in the middle of the night and came into your room and woke you up. Think of a time when you got up way earlier than is human on a Saturday morning in order to take your child to hockey or soccer practice. Think of a Friday evening when you agreed with your wife to watch a romantic favorite movie of hers, when all you really wanted to do was flop onto the couch and fall asleep after a long week at work. Brothers, this is love lived out in charity. No money came out of your pockets but you gave of yourselves for the good of those you love. True and pure charity is when we do what we do out of love for the other. Love is the motivation and charity is the vehicle to actually live that love.

I offer these thoughts Brothers because when we live our lives out of a response of love, as our Lord did for us, the charity that flows from that love becomes very simply an expression of our love. Charity does begin in the home because our homes are certainly the most logical places where the love in our hearts flows deepest and most freely to the other.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

Let's go back to the three important relationships in our lives; our relationship with God, with others and with ourselves, it is here we see the source of our love lived out in charity. It is when we recognize, when we come to truly believe that we are

loved by our God, when we own the reality that we are each expressions of love in and of ourselves, it is then that we are filled with a heartfelt joy that needs to be expressed. Remember; “Charity is the power by which we, who have been loved first by God, can give ourselves to God so as to be united with Him and can accept our neighbor for God's sake as unconditionally and sincerely as we accept ourselves, (Youcat 309).”

Think about when your first child was born. My thought is that you were so filled with joy, that you really did not know what to do next. You did not know what to do but you knew you needed to do something or else you might explode. Maybe you smoked a cigar, had a shot of something, maybe you phoned your parents to share this momentous event. When in reality if it would have been socially acceptable (and you weren't afraid they would lock you up in the psych ward) you would much rather have done the happy dance all the way through the hospital. Brothers, that is the joy I am speaking of, joy that flows out of a love that cannot be contained. When we come to this, when we recognize just how blessed we are, how much we are loved by God, there is no other option but charity as an expression of the love we have received. My Brothers, the Knights of Columbus, provide us with a perfect vehicle to assist us in expressing our love of God, of one another and ourselves in charity.

“So Faith Hope and Love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love, (1Cor. 13, 13).”

Meditation Period

(The Leader now invites the members to spend a few moments in silent reflection, as the above text is not meant to be a ready-made answer but a starter for personal reflection on the theme.)

Fraternal Sharing

(The leader now invites the members to share with their Brother Knights any relevant thoughts that came to them during the meditation period.)

Closing Prayer

(Recited by all)

Let us pray:

“Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Grocery Cards.

Your Knights of Columbus Council 4742 is encouraging you to consider the purchase of Grocery Cards. You can use the cards to purchase your own groceries.

Please help us to continue assisting with these great projects by purchasing some grocery cards.

To buy cards, call Gerry (780-459-7384) or Frank (780-459-7941).

Cards will be available at each Pancake Breakfast.

Have you sent in your renewal?

If not, please do it now and make our job easier!

Also, please remember your card when you come to meetings.

Pancake Breakfast

The next Pancake Breakfast is on March 7, 2016 following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 am. Mass.

Event Manager Required

There is an opportunity to become involved in managing the Pancake breakfast. Ideally if more than one person is involved the task could be shared, each person taking a turn.

The process is documented and training would be provided.

If you are interested please contact Robert Pampu at 780-460-6740

Good of the Order

Please include in your prayers the following Brothers...

Br. William Oshanyk
Br. Ernest Sokolan
Br. Marcel Venne
Br. Louis Rev. Gendre
Br. Gerry Hartel

Please include in your prayers the following people who are ill:

the wife of Br. Frank Polanski
the son-in-law of Br. Dave Gervais

At the February Executive meeting a decision was made to visit our fellow Brothers who are in continuous care.

Currently the plan calls for a visit by two or three members of our Council to take place preferably in the mornings.

If you are able to participate please contact Br. Tony Csilies at 780-458-0065 or e-mail to kofc@stalbertcouncil4742.ca

Thank you,

Fraternally,
Tony Csilies
Financial Secretary
St. Albert Council 4742
St. Albert, Alberta

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016

February

17 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

March

6 - Sunday - Pancake Breakfast following 9:00AM & 11:00AM Mass

7 - Monday - Executive Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

16 - Wednesday - General Meeting 7:00PM Grandin Room

25 - Good Friday

27 - Easter Sunday